



PPD's News to Live By

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Recycling/Surplus Electronics at Fermilab

If you have old lab-owned electronic items you want to get rid of (e.g. computers, printers, monitors, etc.) through recycling or surplus you must complete a Material Move Request form to send the items to surplus. We have placed a sample form on [our website](#) to assist you in completing the form.

Should you have any questions, please contact [Jose](#) or [Angela](#).

2012-2013 Flu Season

The Centers for Disease Control recommend that anyone over the age of 6 months receive a flu vaccine each year. It is one of the more effective ways to prevent being infected with the influenza virus. It is even more important for those who are at a higher risk of developing complications from the flu, such as:

- People who have certain medical conditions that make them more prone to infections, conditions like asthma, diabetes and chronic lung disease
- Pregnant women
- People 65 years and older

The lab is offering flu vaccinations again this year, which will be available (by appointment only) October 2nd and 4th in Wilson Hall, and October 11th in the Technical Division lunch room. Check out [this page](#) for information on how to sign up.

You can read more about the flu and vaccine at the following:

- [Flu.gov](#)
- CDC's [What you should know for the 2012-2013 Influenza season](#)
- [Weekly influenza summary](#)
- Fermilab's Medical Office's [Flu information page](#)



Hard Hat & Crane Use Reminder

Just a reminder that any overhead lift requires a minimum of safety shoes and hard hat to be worn.



Task Managers for Subcontractor Work

A task manager is required to oversee any type of construction work activity. This could include engineering, procurement, erection, installation, demolition or fabrication used to create a new facility; or to alter, add to, rehabilitate, dismantle or remove an existing facility. This oftentimes includes T&M type work.

We recently had an incident where a subcontractor was hired to upgrade a building. The individual who requested the work was not familiar with the need for a task manager for this job, and work proceeded without one. The Task Manager is the one who ensures the subcontractor has completed training, assists with developing hazard analyses for the job, and will monitor the work. The subcontractor in this situation happened to already have completed the training, and had a hazard analysis from a previous job.

If you are hiring a subcontractor to perform any type of construction work, a task manager must be assigned to oversee the job.

When planning a construction-type job, please refer to [FESHM chapter 7010: ES&H Program for Construction](#). To see the current list of PPD Task Managers and Construction Coordinators, follow [this link](#).

Visited other labs? Please tell us...

What was your experience like visiting other labs? What travel issues did you experience? Were there certain training requirements? What type of PPE was required? What about paperwork and your contact personnel? Any other tips?

The ES&H Section is gathering information that will be helpful to other travelers. Currently there is some information in ESH DocDB, [document #2179](#) for SNOlab and DECAM/CTIO. Please email [Eric McHugh](#) if you would like to share your experience traveling to other labs.



Counterfeit UL Marks

There has recently been a couple of notices published about counterfeit UL marks on power supplies. For any folks using power supplies, please check to determine if your power supply matches the description of any of those listed below.

- [Counterfeit UL Mark on Power Supply Model CP1250](#)
- [Counterfeit UL Mark on Power Supply Model SJ-1205-U](#)
- [Counterfeit UL Mark on Power Supplies Model YHSW-120125U or YHSW-120150U](#)
- Additional notices of potentially hazardous items can be found on the [UL's Public Notices page](#)

If you find an item you suspect is counterfeit, notify your supervisor immediately.

You can read more about the lab's Suspect/Counterfeit Item policies on the [Office of Quality and Best Practices page](#).

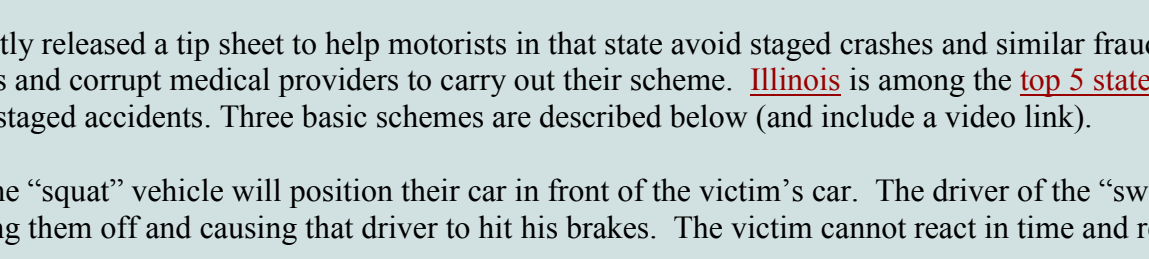


Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is October 7th through 13th. This year, the NFPA is promoting the need for families to identify 2 escape routes from their homes.

Here at the lab, we use this time to conduct annual fire drills throughout the month. Each building will schedule their own fire drills; please do your part by participating. Contact your supervisor or area emergency warden if unsure what the drill plans are for your building.

The NFPA has developed a [Fire Prevention Week](#) site for children. If you have children/grandchildren, you may want to visit this site with them, and you can develop your fire escape plan together.



Avoiding Staged Crashes/Insurance Fraud Schemes

The Florida Highway Patrol recently released a tip sheet to help motorists in that state avoid staged crashes and similar fraud schemes. Criminals will use paid witnesses, unethical attorneys and corrupt medical providers to carry out their scheme. [Illinois](#) is among the [top 5 states](#) with the highest number of fraudulent insurance claims from staged accidents. Three basic schemes are described below (and include a video link).

Swoop and Squat: The driver of the "squat" vehicle will position their car in front of the victim's car. The driver of the "swoop" vehicle will suddenly pull in front of the squat vehicle, cutting them off and causing that driver to hit his brakes. The victim cannot react in time and rear-ends the squat vehicle. The swoop vehicle takes off.

Panic Stop: The criminal driver (with a car full of passengers) positions their car in front of the victim's while having a backseat passenger watch for the victim to become distracted. The backseat passenger will alert the criminal who will slam on their brakes, causing the victim to rear-end the criminal's vehicle.

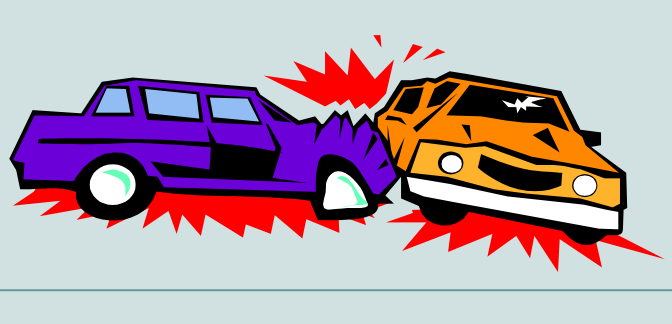
Drive Down: The victim is trying to merge into traffic after being waved in by the scheming driver. As the victim begins to merge, the criminal speeds up and causes a collision. During questioning, the criminal will deny waving the victim to merge.

Advice for avoiding a staged crash:

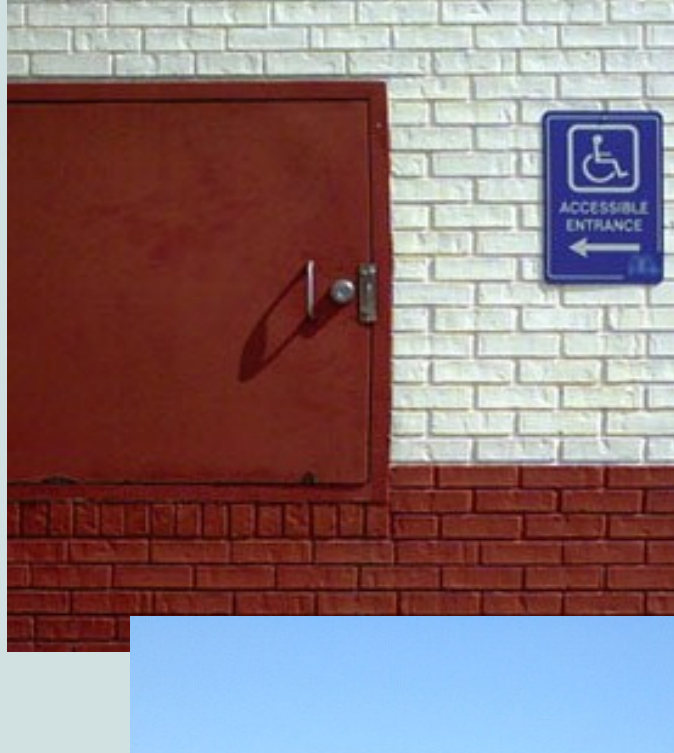
- Stay aware of your surroundings. Give driving your full attention. Never tailgate.
 - Criminals will often disable their brake lights so it is more difficult to detect when they are braking.
- When making a turn in front of another vehicle, use caution, even if the other driver has yielded the right-of-way.
- Call law enforcement to a crash scene, and get a police report (even if the damage is minimal). If you feel the accident was staged, alert the officer.
- Use a camera to document any damage and the number of passengers in other vehicles.
- Avoid people who suddenly appear at a crash scene and try to direct you to doctors and attorneys.
- Be suspicious of physicians who insist you file a personal injury claim after a crash, especially if you are not hurt.
- Avoid tow trucks that arrive on the scene without anyone having called for service.
- If you are a witness of a crash, stay at the scene to provide details to law enforcement officers.

For more information on staged crashes, visit the following websites:

- [National Insurance Crime Bureau](#)
- [Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles](#)
- [Madison Mutual Insurance Company](#)
- [The Coalition Against Insurance Fraud](#)



The "Doh!" Photos of the Month



PPD September Injuries

No injuries reported!

September Winners!!!

September Contest #1

What percentage of people infected with West Nile Virus will actually experience symptoms?

Correct answer: 20%

Winner: [No entries](#)

September Contest #2

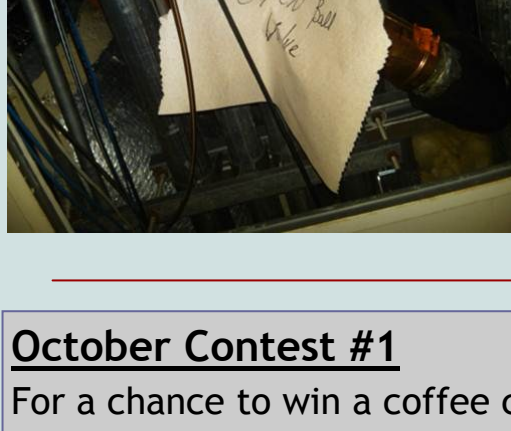
Tell us what is wrong in this photo.

Correct answer: Lack of proper Lockout/Tagout devices.

Winner: [Leonard Nelson](#)



Challenge



October Contest #1

For a chance to win a coffee certificate for the cafeteria, answer the following question correctly:

At what age does the CDC recommend people begin receiving flu vaccinations?

October Contest #2

For a chance to win a PPD ES&H acrylic cup, tell us what is wrong in this photo:



Please submit your responses/answers to [Angela Sands](#) by October 22nd

(If there are multiple correct answers/entries, a drawing is held.)

Did you find this newsletter helpful? Does it have the kind of information you are looking for? Your feedback is important. Please continue to use the [electronic safety concern database](#), or send comments to Angela Sands, [asands@fnal.gov](#)